

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed February 3, 2006.

Claims 83-119 are pending, of which claims 83 and 106 are the only independent claims.

The Examiner has indicated the allowability of dependent claims 90, 92-95, 97-105, 112-117, and 119 subject to obviating objections to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Applicant is most grateful to the Examiner for same. In view of the remarks made further herein, Applicant defers amendments to these claims at this time, but would like to serve the opportunity for the future.

All remaining claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,267,039 in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0147982 to Naidoo et al. and in some cases taking Official Notice of two alleged facts.

In a short discussion with the Examiner on Friday April 14, 2006, Applicant's attorney advised that the present application was filed approximately six (6) months prior to Naidoo as indicated by the filing date on the face the U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0147982. Examiner indicated agreement with Applicant. Accordingly, the Examiner is hereby respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Applicant notes for the record that notwithstanding the withdrawal of the rejection, the pending claims read over the references. Furthermore, Applicant objects to the Official Notice taken as being overly broad and/or incorrect. In view of the withdrawal of the rejection, Applicant defers detailing the specific objections to the Official Notices taken but preserves the right to do so.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is

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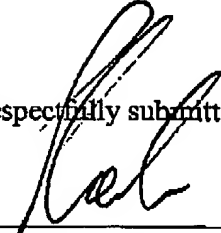
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respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, including any necessary extension fees, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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